

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Barack Obama, of Illinois, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10607–S10679*

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3691–3708, and S. Res. 707–709. **Pages S10659–60**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 110–524)

S. Res. 707, authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the facts of the failure of Joshua Bolten, as the Custodian of Records at the White House, to appear before the Committee on the Judiciary and produce documents as required by Committee subpoena, with a preamble. (S. Rept. No. 110–522)

S. Res. 708, authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the facts of the failure of Karl Rove to appear and testify before the Committee on the Judiciary and to produce documents as required by Committee subpoena, with a preamble. (S. Rept. No. 110–522)

Report to accompany S. 967, to amend chapter 41 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment and authorization of funding for certain training programs for supervisors of Federal employees. (S. Rept. No. 110–523)

Report to accompany S. 3477, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence. (S. Rept. No. 110–525)

Report to accompany S. 1000, to enhance the Federal Telework Program. (S. Rept. No. 110–526)

S. 1695, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a pathway for the licensure of biosimilar biological products, to promote innovation in the life sciences, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10659**

#### Measures Passed:

**Civil Rights Act of 1964 Commemorative Coin Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2040, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10678**

#### Measures Considered:

**Advancing America’s Priorities Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America’s priorities. **Page S10627**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S10627**

**Unemployment Compensation Extension Act—CLOTURE:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6867, to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation. **Pages S10627–29**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, November 21, 2008. **Page S10627**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 20, 2008. **Page S10678**

#### Resignation Messages:

**Resignation of Senator Barack Obama:** Senator Barack Obama, of Illinois, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate, effective November 16, 2008, in order to prepare for duties as President of the United States. **Page S10609**

**House Messages:**

**Albuquerque Indian School Act:** Senate concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to S. 1193, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Appointments:**

**Congressional Oversight Panel:** The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 110–343, appointed the following individual as a member of the Congressional Oversight Panel: the Honorable Judd Gregg, of New Hampshire.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Alesia Ranney-Marinelli, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2011.

Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2011.

Thomas Joseph Dodd, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2014.

Gary C. Bryner, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2014.

Roger W. Wallace, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2014.

Rodney G. Bent, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2014.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S10648**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S10644–48**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S10676**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thurs-

day, November 20, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10678.)

**Committee Meetings**

(Committees not listed did not meet)

**DOMESTIC AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* On Tuesday, November 18, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the domestic automobile industry, after receiving testimony from Senator Stabenow; Ron Gettelfinger, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), and Rick Wagoner, General Motors Corporation, both of Detroit, Michigan; Alan R. Mulally, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; Robert Nardelli, Chrysler LLC, Auburn Hills, Michigan; and Peter Morici, University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business, College Park.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Neil M. Barofsky, of New York, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Dodd and Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**ECONOMIC STIMULUS**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook and options for stimulus, after receiving testimony from Mark M. Zandi, Moody's Economy.com, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge; and John B. Taylor, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

**HEALTH CARE REFORM**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care reform, focusing on the economic perspective, after receiving testimony from Ivan Seidenberg, Verizon, Inc., New York, New York, on behalf of the Business Roundtable; Andrew L. Stern, Service Employees International Union, Washington, D.C.; Uwe Reinhardt, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey; and Amitabh Chandra, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.